

## Passport Book & Card Photograph Quality Requirements



In order to print your passport picture, clear and correctly exposed photo must be submitted with your application – especially when applying for the U.S. passport card which displays a black and white image of the bearer. See the following examples of acceptable and unacceptable photos to ensure that the photograph you submit is correct.

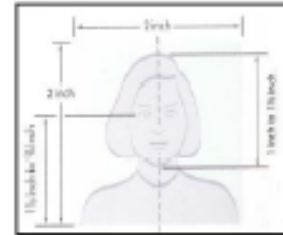
The **most common** reason for a passport photo to be rejected for use is the **over exposure** or **lightness** of the photograph.

Photo 1 is not acceptable because it is over exposed, as you can see from the light patches discoloring the woman's face.



Photo 2 is acceptable

Photograph should be 2 x 2 inches in size. The face size, measured from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head (including hair), should not be less than 1 inch or more than 1 3/8 inches.

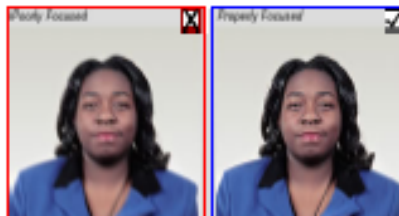


Other examples of **unacceptable** and **acceptable** passport photographs include:

### Shadows on Face



### Poorly Focused



### Low Quality/Visible Dots



Incorrect  
Facial  
Direction



Dark  
Photo

